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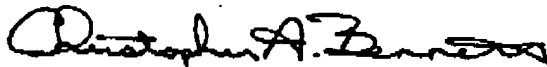
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Examiner Garcia,

Please find attached hereto the following documents for the above-identified application:

- 1) Request for Reconsideration;
- 2) Request for Continued Prosecution;
- 3) Credit Card Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$770.00;
- 4) Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time; and
- 5) Credit Card Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$950.00.

Respectfully submitted,



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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/548,414
Filing Date	April 13, 2000
First Named Inventor	Takahiro OGUCHI
Group Art Unit	2823
Examiner Name	J. Garcia
Attorney Docket Number	36856.743

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply.
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time.


2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other:

1. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). 12/02/2003 CCHAUI 00000156 09548414
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17). 02 FC:1801 770.00 US
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takahiro OGUCHI	Art Unit: 2823
Serial No.: 09/548,414	
Filed: April 13, 2000	Examiner: J. Garcia
Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN EXTERNAL FORCE DETECTION SENSOR	

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002 and the Advisory Action dated July 22, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended to December 1, 2003, by the accompanying Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time, please reconsider the above identified application in view of the following remarks.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper for the convenience of the Examiner. No amendments are being made by this listing.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.